

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 1 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 2 through 4 to read, as follows.

1. **(Canceled)**

2. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus comprising:

charging means for charging an image bearing member;

image forming means for forming a toner image on the image bearing member that has been charged;

cleaning means for contacting the image bearing member to clean a surface of the image bearing member; and

control means adapted to control a ratio of a period wherein the image bearing member is moved without being charged by the charging means, to a period wherein the image bearing member is moved while being charged by the charging means, so that the ratio is equal to or greater than a predetermined value, according to claim 1;

wherein the control means calculates the ratio in accordance with a predetermined number of sheets subjected to image forming.

3. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus comprising:

charging means for charging an image bearing member;

image forming means for forming a toner image on the image bearing member that has been charged;

cleaning means for contacting the image bearing member to clean a surface of the image bearing member; and

control means adapted to control a ratio of a period wherein the image bearing member is moved without being charged by the charging means, to a period wherein the image bearing member is moved while being charged by the charging means, so that the ratio is equal to or greater than a predetermined value, according to claim 1,

wherein, when the ratio is smaller than a predetermined value, the control means is adapted to increase the period wherein the image bearing member is moved without being charged by the charging means, unit; so that the ratio is equal to or greater than the predetermined value.

4. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 3, wherein, in a period other than an image forming operation period, the control means performs an image bearing member moving mode for increasing the period wherein the image bearing member is moved without being charged by the charging means, unit.

5. **(Original)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 4, wherein, when the ratio is equal to or greater than the predetermined value, the control means does not execute the image bearing member moving mode.